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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-69 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-36, 39-66 and 68 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 37, 38, 67 and 69 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Species IV, figure 7 in the reply filed on 5/17/04 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).
2. Claims 9-36, 39-66, and 68 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 5/17/04. It is noted that applicant stated that claims 1-4, 6-8, 37, 38, 67, and 69 read on the elected species and that in the set of claims filed 3/18/04 there is no claim 5, yet claim 6 depends from claim 5. For Examination claim 5 which was originally filed appears to read on the elected species and has been included in the Examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Claim 67 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 67 refers to "The process as claimed in claim 6", however claim 6 recites footwear and therefore "the process" lacks antecedent basis rendering the claim vague and indefinite.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-4, 37, and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Pavelescu (5678326).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-8, 37, 38, 67, and 69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Haimerl (5285546).

Haimerl '546 shows a shoe and inherent/obvious process of making said shoe comprising an upper having an outer material (12a) and a functional layer (16), an outsole (14), and an adhesive zone comprising a hot melt adhesive/sealing substance (24 and/or 25) and the outsole is cemented to the upper (at 26) substantially as claimed except for inarguendo the exact hot melt adhesive/sealing substance. Haimerl '546 states that the sealing agent (24) is based on Polyurethane and suggests numerous different types (column 5 lines 29-40). Official notice is taken that reactive hot melt polyurethane adhesives are well known as adhesives which are also sealing agents. It

would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use any known polyurethane based adhesive/sealing agent including ones which require irradiation for reaction, since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. In re Leshin, 125 USPQ 416.

In reference to claim 7, see figure 7 of Haimerl. In reference to claim 8, see figure 1.

8. Claims 4-7, and 67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pavelescu (5678326).

Pavelescu shows a shoe and inherent method of making said shoe comprising an upper having an outer material (1) and a functional layer (4) with an edge portion (15) and a reactive polyurethane based hot melt adhesive (column 7 lines 34-35) thereon and an outsole (13) cemented to the upper (column 3 line 35 or column 6 line 49) substantially as claimed except for the exact hot melt adhesive. Official notice is taken that reactive hot melt polyurethane adhesives having carbon or metal particles are well known as reactive polyurethane based hot melt adhesives and/or the carbon or metal particles would have been inherent in the adhesive used by Pavelescu which is activated by high frequency heating. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use any known polyurethane based adhesive/sealing agent including ones which require irradiation for reaction, since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. In re Leshin, 125 USPQ 416.

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In reference to claim 67, the use of polytetrafluoroethylene is a well known and conventional waterproof/breathable functional layer and it would have been obvious to use such for the functional layer of Pavelescu for the well known and conventional properties of such.

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